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Comments on the Presentation to PRC on ERA FY '60 Research Program.

1. A review of this presentation shows that several aspects of ERA's program which would be of considerable interest to the PRC could probably be covered in greater detail. The paper as it now stands does not cover our research in support of the collection of guided missile intelligence, research on military economics, and our large guided missile research program.

2. It is suggested that the additions be made as follows:

Top of page 2: Considerable research effort is being devoted to the preparation of background studies for the use of DD/P [REDACTED] is planning projects for the collection of information on the Soviet guided missile program.

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Top of page 3: ORR has pioneered in the study of the over-all cost and economic impact of the military activities of the USSR and is currently in the middle of a program involving the preparation of definitive studies on selective aspects of this problem such as military manpower, military pay, the scope of the announced "defense" appropriation, etc.

Top of page 3: Considerable research effort is being devoted to locating guided missile production and deployment sites and assessing the economic resources being devoted to missile and space programs in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. This effort is being carried out not only by the Guided Missile Branch, but also by a large number of other ERA components which have the responsibility for research on related aspects of the guided missile program such as electronics, construction, fuels, chemicals, etc.

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Mosaic Chart

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Item

Requirements

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Tbilisi Airframe Plant
No. 31

A continuing requirement exists for identification of the specific type aircraft in production at this plant. The plant currently is suspected of involvement in the production of Mikoyan jet fighters, probably of delta wing configuration. Number and identification of all aircraft observed in the plant area is of much value. Description of all new construction is needed. Any indications of the number of shifts and the number of workers are helpful.

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Tbilisi-Soganlug
Airfield

Located 2.3 nautical miles east-southeast of the airframe plant, Soganlug Airfield is used as the factory test and fly-away field. Note any new construction on the aircraft by model on the airfield is of much value. A description of the general level of activity on the field is helpful.

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